

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, and 42 as follows:

1 - 31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus ~~for executing a communication with a device;~~ comprising:

a negotiation unit configured to, ~~in the case that the device receives~~ wherein a low power consumption mode transit request is a request for a device to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, execute a predetermined negotiation with the a first device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prevent prohibiting any transmission even though the first device receives the low power consumption mode transit request; and

a first transmitting unit configured to broadcast the low power consumption mode transit request to a plurality of devices including the first device after said negotiation unit executes the predetermined negotiation with the device.

33. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the communication is executed using a Bluetooth system.

34. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the low power consumption mode is used for a low power consumption in a Bluetooth system.

35. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus ~~for executing a communication with a device~~; comprising:

a negotiation unit configured to, ~~in the case that the device receives~~ wherein a low power consumption mode transit request is a request for a device to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, execute a predetermined negotiation with ~~the~~ a first device in order to prevent transitioning from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prevent prohibiting any transmission even though the first device receives the low power consumption mode transit request;

a transmitting unit to transmit the low power consumption mode transit request to a plurality of devices including the first device after said negotiation unit executes the predetermined negotiation with the device; and

a communicating unit configured to communicate with the first device, after (a) said transmitting unit transmits the low power consumption mode transit request, (b) a mode of another device is transited from a present mode to the low power consumption mode, and (c) any transmission is prohibited.

36. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus for executing a communication with a device, comprising:

a negotiation unit configured to execute a predetermined negotiation with the device before data transmission;

a receiving unit configured to receive a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission; and

a control unit that is, in the case that said receiving unit receives a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode, configured to transit said communication apparatus from a present mode to a low consumption power mode and control said communication apparatus to prohibit any transmission according to presence or absence of execution of the predetermined negotiation with the device by said negotiation unit.

37. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to claim 36, wherein, in the case that said receiving unit receives a signal to release a low power consumption mode, said control unit executes a control to release both a low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition.

38. (Currently Amended) A communication method ~~wherein a communication apparatus communicates with a device~~, comprising:

a negotiation step of, ~~in the case that the device receives~~ wherein a low power consumption mode transit request is a request for a device to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, executing a predetermined negotiation with ~~the~~ a first device in order to

prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prevent prohibiting any transmission even though the first device receives the low power consumption mode transit request; and

a first transmission step, of broadcasting the low power consumption mode transit request to a plurality of devices including the first device after said negotiation step executes the predetermined negotiation with the device.

39. (Currently Amended) A communication method ~~of executing a communication with a device;~~ comprising:

a negotiation step of, ~~in the case that the device receives~~ wherein a low power consumption mode transit request is a request for a device to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, executing a predetermined negotiation with ~~the~~ a first device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode even though the first device receives the low power consumption mode transit request;

a transmission step of transmitting the low power consumption mode transit request to a plurality of devices including the first device after said negotiation step executes the predetermined negotiation with the device; and

a communication step of communicating with the first device, after (a) transmitting the low power consumption mode transmit request in said transmission step, (b) transiting another communication device from a present mode to the low power consumption mode, and after (c) any transmission is prohibited, communicating with the device.

40. (Previously Presented) A communication method of executing a communication with a device, comprising:

a negotiation step of executing a predetermined negotiation with the device before data transmission;

a receiving step of receiving a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission,

a control step of, in the case that a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode is received in said step of receiving the low power consumption mode transit request, transiting the communication apparatus from a present mode to a low consumption power mode and controlling the communication apparatus to prohibit any transmission according to presence or absence of execution of the predetermined negotiation with the device in said negotiation step.

41. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, comprising a second transmitting unit configured to transmit a signal to release both the low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition after said communication apparatus communicates with the first device.

42. (Currently Amended) A communication method according to claim 38, comprising a second transmission step[[,]] of transmitting a signal to release both the low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition after the communication apparatus communicates with the first device.